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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on June 24, 2005 has been entered. No claims have been amended. Claims 1-25 have been cancelled. Claims 60 and 61 have been added. Claims 26-61 are now pending in this application, with claims 26 and 40 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 26-50 and 58-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Enoki et al (US 5,835,853).
3. In regards to claims 26, 40, and 58, Enoki discloses a dual mode receiver and transmitter (See Fig. 8) operable to receive signals in a first mode having an associated first channel spacing, and to receive signals in a second mode having an associated second channel spacing smaller than the first channel spacing, comprising: first and second front-end RF stages for receiving a signal transmitted in the first mode and the

second mode, respectively, and supplying a further signal to RF circuitry operable at an intermediate frequency common to each mode of operation (See col. 1 lines 21-50 and col. 2 lines 15-45).

4. In regards to claims 27 and 41, Enoki discloses a receiver and transmitter, comprising two frequency down-conversion stages (See col. 4-5 lines 43-13).

5. In regards to claims 28, 32, 37, 42, 45, 49, and 59, Enoki discloses a receiver and transmitter, wherein a synthesizer (See Fig. 2 and frequency synthesizer 31) associated with one frequency down-conversion stage has a frequency resolution equal to the channel spacing associated with the received signal (See col. 5 lines 16-22).

6. In regards to claims 29, 33, 38, 43, 46, and 50, Enoki discloses a receiver and transmitter, wherein a synthesizer (See Fig. 2 and frequency synthesizer 32) associated with another frequency down-conversion stage has a frequency resolution wider than the channel spacing associated with the received signal (See col. 5 lines 16-22).

7. In regards to claim 30, Enoki discloses a receiver, operable to convert signals received in the first mode and the second mode directly to a common intermediate frequency (See col. 1 lines 21-50 and col. 2 lines 15-45).

8. In regards to claims 31, 35, 36, 44, 48, 60, and 61, Enoki discloses a receiver and transmitter, further comprising: a first antenna for receiving a first signal in the first mode; a filter (See Fig. 1 and first filter 21) associated with the first antenna for selecting signals lying in a predetermined first frequency band; a first mixer (See Fig. 1 and first mixer 18) for mixing the received first signal with a first local oscillator signal; a second antenna for receiving a second signal in the second mode; a filter (See Fig. 1 and

second filter 25) associated with the second antenna for selecting signals lying in a predetermined second frequency band; a second mixer (See Fig. 1 and second mixer 23) for mixing the received second signal with a second local oscillator signal; a switch (See Fig. 2 and switch 33) for selecting between signals received in the first mode and the second mode having as an output, the output of the first mixer or the second mixer; and a third mixer (See Fig. 2 and mixer 34) for mixing the output of the switch with a third local oscillator signal to produce a signal suitable for base band processing (See col. 1 lines 57-67, col. 4-5 lines 43-22, col. 5 lines 39-62, col. 6 lines 2-15, and col. 7 lines 37-45).

9. In regards to claims 34, 39, and 47, Enoki discloses a receiver and transmitter, wherein the first local oscillator signal is produced by a combined output of the first and the second synthesizers (See col. 1 lines 51-56 and col. 5 lines 16-22).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claims 51-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Enoki et al (US 5,835,853), in view of Ramesh et al (US 5,943,324).

11. Enoki discloses all of claim 51 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, operable with a terrestrial cellular communication system in the first mode. Ramesh,

however, discloses a receiver or transmitter (See Fig. 2, Fig. 4, Fig. 6, dish antenna 215, antenna 400, and receiver 610), operable with a terrestrial cellular communication system (See Fig. 2 and terrestrial cellular network 100) in the first mode (See col. 4 lines 21-42). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to make the receiver or transmitter operable with a terrestrial cellular communication system in the first mode, as a way of allowing the receiver or transmitter to be able to operate within a cellular communication system.

12. Enoki discloses all of claim 52 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, operable with a satellite communication system in the second mode. Ramesh, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, operable with a satellite communication system in the second mode (See col. 2-3 lines 63-15, col. 5 lines 16-31, and col. 5-6 lines 54-12).

13. Enoki discloses all of claim 53 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, wherein the terrestrial cellular communication system is GSM. Ramesh, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, wherein the terrestrial cellular communication system is GSM (See col. 5 lines 16-31 and col. 8-9 lines 52-1).

14. Enoki discloses all of claim 54 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, wherein the satellite system is IRIDIUM. Ramesh, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, wherein the satellite system is ICO (See col. 2 lines 16-22 and col. 4 lines 22-22), therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, to use IRIDIUM as the satellite system.

15. Enoki discloses all of claim 54 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, wherein the satellite system is ICO. Ramesh, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, wherein the satellite system is ICO (See col. 2 lines 16-22 and col. 4 lines 22-22).

16. Claims 56-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Enoki et al (US 5,835,853).

17. Enoki discloses all of claim 56 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, wherein the first channel spacing is 200 KHz. Enoki, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, wherein the first channel spacing is 800 MHz (col. 1 lines 8-15). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use 200 KHz as the first channel spacing, as a way of providing a first channel spacing that is wider than the second channel spacing.

18. Enoki discloses all of claim 57 limitations, except a receiver or transmitter, wherein the second channel spacing is 41.67 KHz or 25 KHz. Enoki, however, discloses a receiver or transmitter, wherein the second channel spacing is 1.5 GHz (col. 1 lines 8-15).

Response to Arguments

19. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 26-61 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion


20. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Garner (US 6,058,307) teaches a priority and preemption service system for satellite related communication using central controller. Laborde (US 5,689,568) teaches a medium access control for a mobile satellite system.

21. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P. Knowlin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

22. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

23. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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